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[ ] Reports from "Forschungsdienst Osteuropa"

REF: BMHA-11396, dated 15 March 1997 (and Refs A-I thereof)

1. Transmitted for your analysis and further dissemination in accordance with BMHA-742, dated 11 March 1997, and Paragraphs 3 and 4 of reference dispatch, is one copy each of the following reports recently received by [ ] from subject institute. [ ] made them available to us during the past week, noting that both of them were written by [ ]

- a. "Die Ukrainische Sozialistische Sowjetrepublik im Januar 1997".
- b. Bitte for February 1997.

2. MOS and FOS: The preparation of copies for you is creating a problem here because of the bulkiness of these reports (in this instance well over a hundred pages). We wonder, therefore, whether the receipt of copies is actually vital or whether it would be sufficient for your purposes if information copies of only the transmittal dispatches (which will list the titles and, if known, the authors) were forwarded to you. Since these reports are analyzed and disseminated in Frankfurt prior to their final transmittal to Headquarters there should be ample time for you to request a copy from Frankfurt in case you have a particular interest in reading any one report. If you should find it possible to go along with this suggested procedure, it would eliminate a time-consuming task for our secretaries. However, if you consider the receipt of copies necessary, be assured that we will be glad to meet this requirement. Please advise as soon as possible.

3. ER: We recently had a chance to take up with [ ] the various questions posed in BMHA-742. In general, this discussion served to confirm our tentative comments in Paragraph 6 of reference dispatch. The following additional comments appear pertinent:

a. [ ] advised that he has heard nothing further about the von Mende proposal that he [ ] become a lecturer or consultant for the so-called "Studienlehrgänge fuer Ostfragen". [ ] presumes, therefore, that this proposal is dead.

b. [ ] also advised that he has heard rumors to the effect that von Mende, too, is no longer associated with the proposal to establish "the so-called "Studienlehrgänge fuer Ostfragen". As a matter of fact, [ ]

is inclined to believe that at least for the time being this entire Interior Ministry undertaking is on the shelf.

c. [ ] assumes that von Mende's willingness to make available to him copies of reports received by subject institute is based on von Mende's not illogical desire to cooperate with and receive information from other experts on Eastern Europe and problems of Communism. According to [ ] von Mende is just one of many loose liaison contacts he maintains in this general field.

d. [ ] confirmed that he passes to von Mende's office copies of all GASK monthly mimeographed SITREPs. He also confirmed that von Mende never receives any GASK raw reports.

e. The sense of our conversation confirmed the conclusion in Paragraph 6-d of reference dispatch. [ ] has not become aware of any indications that von Mende is attempting to pass to his reports with a particular alert.

f. [ ] states he knows nothing about von Mende's multifarious intelligence connections and is, therefore, not in a position to advise us. However, he promised to do so, if he should run across such information.

4. We hope that the above information, together with the comments in Paragraph 6 of reference dispatch, will have met the ERM-742 requirement for additional data on von Mende and the von Mende, [ ] relationship. We shall keep you advised if additional significant information comes to our attention.

Enclosures: N/W  
as noted above

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